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TEXT: 1. LIEUTENANT COLONEL SIGIFRED ((OCHOA)) PEREZ,  COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE FOURTH MILITARY BRIGADE AND MILITARY  COMMANDING OFFICER OF CHALATENANGO DEPARTMENT, IS NOT IN AGRES  WITH A CEASE FIRE BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE FARABUNDO MAI  NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT (FMLN). LTC. OCHOA RECENTLY STATED.  THAT IF A CEASE FIRE WERE CALLED BY PRESIDENT	EMENT
NAPOLEON ((DUARTE)), OCHOA WOULD RECOMMEND TO OTHER MILITARY COMMANDERS THAT PRESIDENT DUARTE BE TOLD THAT HE SHOULD NOT IN VOLVE HIMSELF IN MILITARY MATTERS.  COMMENT: OCHOA'S COMMENT: OCHOA'S COMMENT HE SALVADORAN PRESIDENT CALLING FOR A CEASE FIRE THE MOMENT RHETORICAL SINCE PRESIDENT DUARTE, FOLLOWING CONSULTIONS WITH HIS LEADING MILITARY OFFICERS, DECLINED TO MAKE TH PROPOSAL DURING THE TWO DIALOGUE SESSIONS WHICH HAVE TAKEN PL BETWEEN INSURGENT AND GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES. A UNILATERA	MMENT IS AT LTA- IS ACE

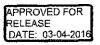
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CEASE FIRE OFFERED BY THE INSURGENTS TO TAKE PLACE DURING THE	
CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS WAS HONORED BY NEITHER SIDE DURING	
THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD.) COMMENT: ANOTHER INDICATION OF	-
COLONEL OCHOA'S AGGRESSIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD THE PURSUIT OF AN	
ANTI-INSURGENCY CAMPAIGN IS THE FACT THAT HE HAS TAKEN A MILITARY	
OFFENSIVE POSTURE BY MOUNTING CONTINUOUS OPERATIONS INTO AREAS OF	
CHALATENANGO DEPARTMENT LONG CONTROLLED BY FMLN GROUPS. UNITS	
FROM THE FOURTH BRIGADE NOW FREQUENTLY PENETRATE AS FAR NORTH (b)(	1)
AS LA PALMA (1419N 8910W) NEAR THE BORDER WITH HONDURAS. (b)	3) NatSecAct
2. OCHOA WILL NOT PERMIT THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS (CICR)	·
TO OPERATE IN CHALATENANGO DEPARTMENT. OCHOA MAINTAINS THAT THE	
CICR IS SUPPORTING THE FMLN AND SHOULD, THEREFORE, NOT BE PERMITTE	in .
TO FUNCTION IN HIS AREA OF COMMAND. THE CICR HAS COMPLAINED ABOUT	
OCHOA TO THE HIGH COMMAND OF THE ARMED FORCES OF EL SALVADOR BUT,	
TO DATE, OCHOA HAS BEEN ABLE TO FEND OFF THESE COMPLAINTS.	
COMMENT: PRESIDENT DUARTE HAS ORDERED THAT THE CICR HAVE	•
ACCESS TO ALL AREAS OF THE COUNTRY. THE CICR, HOWEVER, MUST OBTAIN	
PERMISSION FROM THE MILITARY COMMANTINDER OF A DEPARTMENT BEFORE	The second second
ENTERING THE DEPARTMENT. COLONEL OCHOA ALWAYS IS BUSY WHEN THE	(b)(1) (b)(3) NatSecAct
CICR REPRESENTATIVE ARRIVES AT HIS OFFICE.)	
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